

Resource Guide to the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009

TRANSPORTATION

The following information on the funding included in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 was compiled by the Office of Congressman Silvestre Reyes. This document is intended to provide the public with basic information of potential federal assistance and funding opportunities. Those interested in these or similar programs should contact the appropriate federal and state agencies for detailed information. Please note: not all applicable programs are included below; the following information is subject to change; and additional requirements, restrictions and guidance may apply.

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 allocates more than \$45 billion for our nation's highways, bridges and transit systems. Nearly all of these funds will be distributed to the states based on existing formulas. The State of Texas is estimated to receive more than \$2.6 billion as its federal share. The Texas Department of Transportation (TXDOT) will administer the transportation funds. Below is a summary of some of the federal and state programs that will receive funds from the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act.

Grant: Highway Improvement Programs

Amount: \$27.5 billion was included for Highway Infrastructure Investment.

Type: Funds are distributed by formula, with a portion of the funds within each State being sub-allocated by population areas.

Administrator: Texas Department of Transportation

Purpose: For transportation projects including resurfacing and pavement preservation projects, traffic signal system upgrades, bridge projects, transit projects and intelligent transportation systems.

Website: <http://www.recovery.gov/?q=content/rebuilding-infrastructure>
<http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>

Contact: Texas Department of Transportation
Office of Government and Public Affairs
(512) 463-8588
<http://www.dot.state.tx.us>

Grant: Transit Capital Assistance

Amount: \$8.4 billion was included for transit capital assistance grants.

Type: Funds are distributed through the existing urban and rural transit formulas - 80% of the capital assistance funds are to be distributed through the Federal Transit Administration's (FTA) urbanized formula; 10% through their rural formula; and 10% through their growing states and high density formula.

Administrator: Federal Transit Administration

Description: These funds will be used to purchase buses and equipment needed to provide additional public transportation service and to make improvements to intermodal and transit facilities

Website to find state and district info: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

Grant: Fixed Guideway Modernization

Amount: \$750 million was included for transit capital assistance grants.

Type: Funds are allocated by a statutory formula to urbanized areas with rail systems that have been in operation for at least seven years.

Administrator: Federal Transit Administration / U.S. Department of Transportation

Purpose: These funds will be used for capital projects to modernize or improve existing fixed guideway systems, including purchase and rehabilitation of rolling stock, track, line equipment, structures, signals and communications, power equipment and substations, passenger stations and terminals, security equipment and systems, maintenance facilities and equipment, operational support equipment including computer hardware and software, system extensions, and preventive maintenance.

Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3558.html

Grant: **Capital Investments Grants (New Starts & Small Starts)**
Amount: \$750 million was included for capital investment grants.
Type: Distributed on a discretionary basis for New Starts and Small Starts projects that are already in construction or are nearly ready to begin construction.
Administrator: Federal Transit Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation
Purpose: For light rail lines, rapid rail (heavy rail), commuter rail, automated fixed guideway system, or bus-way/high occupancy vehicle (HOV) facilities.
Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/funding/grants/grants_financing_3590.html

Grant: **Transit Capital Assistance-Discretionary Grants**
Amount: \$6.9 billion was included for transit capital assistance grants.
Type: Discretionary grants to public transit agencies to improve energy efficiency, and reduce costs and dependence on foreign oil.
Agency: Federal Transit Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation
Website: http://www.fta.dot.gov/index_9118.html

Grant: **National Surface Transportation System - Discretionary Grants**
Amount: \$1.5 billion was included for discretionary grants for the National Surface Transportation System.
Type: Discretionary grants to be awarded to state and local governments or transit agencies on a competitive basis for projects that will have a significant impact on the nation, a metropolitan area, or a region. Eligible projects include highway and bridge projects, public transportation projects, passenger and freight rail projects, and port infrastructure investments.
Agency: U.S. Department of Transportation
Websites: <http://www.dot.gov/>
http://www.dot.gov/citizen_services/grants_loans/

Grant: **Capital Assistance for High Speed Rail and Intercity Passenger Rail Service**
Amount: \$8 billion was included for Capital Assistance to States and the High Speed Passenger Rail Program.
Type: Discretionary grants for state government for capital improvements and planning activities necessary to support improved or new intercity passenger rail service.
Agency: Federal Railroad Administration - U.S. Department of Transportation
Website: www.fra.dot.gov
<http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/1954>
<http://www.grants.gov>

Grant: **Capital Grants to Amtrak**
Amount: \$1.3 billion included for capital grants to Amtrak for security and non-security improvements.
Type: Grants will be given directly to Amtrak; no more than 60% will be spent in the NE corridor.
Agency: Federal Railroad Administration
Purpose: To maintain and improve the national system of intercity passenger rail. In addition to security improvements, repair, rehabilitation, or upgrade of railroad assets or infrastructure, and for capital projects that expand passenger rail capacity including the rehabilitation of rolling stock (locomotives and passenger cars)
Website: www.fra.dot.gov
<http://www.fra.dot.gov/us/content/30>
<http://www.amtrack.com> (for jobs and contracting opportunities)

Grant: **Federal Aviation Administration - Competitive Grants to airports for infrastructure improvements**
Amount: \$1.1 billion
Type: Competitive grants.
Agency: Federal Aviation Administration
Purpose: Grants to airports that are part of the National Plan of Integrated Airport Systems (NPIAS) for repairs and improvements to critical infrastructure to improve safety and reduce congestion. Priority will be given to projects that can be completed within two years and serve to supplement and not supplant planned expenditures from airport-generated revenues or from other State and local sources.
Website: <http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

Grant: **Federal Aviation Administration -- Competitive Grants to improve FAA power systems**
Amount: \$200 million
Type: Competitive grants.
Agency: Federal Aviation Administration
Purpose: Upgrade the FAA's power system, which includes: modernizing aging air traffic control centers; replacing air traffic control centers and TRACONS; installing airport lighting, navigation and landing equipment.
Website: <http://www.faa.gov/recovery/>

Grant: **Competitive Grants to Small Domestic Shipyards**
Amount: \$100 million
Type: Competitive grants
Agency: Department of Transportation
Purpose: Grants for investments and improvements.
Website: <http://www.dot.gov/recovery/>